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In re application of :
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Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING
A FLOW OF FLUID HYDROCARBONS
CONTAINING WATER
**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/807,841,
Filed June 29, 2001)**

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- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
 - b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,
 - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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5. ☒ An international search report citing references (**AA and AJ**) was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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